SERMON PREACH'D

AT THE

QUAKERS-MEETING-HOUSE

In *Coles-Ally*, *Meath-Street*, on *Sunday Morning*, *June* 22*d*, 1707.

By Sarah Baker, in Essex-street.

UPON THE

Sufferings of *JESUS CHRIST*, In *Vindication of their* Innocency against the Brauls of one *Bradly*.

Matt. 27 *and* 35: *and they Crucified him.*

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A SERMON

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Friends,

IT was the Work of God, in ſending His Son into the World, not only to Suffer but to lay down His Life for His Enemies; He ſuffer'd for us, who was Enemies to God, by reaſon of Sin, and it 'twas His Life that was a Ranſom, not only for our Sins, but for the Sins of the whole World.

We was all loſt (and in Priſon for Debt) but He made a Purchaſe for us, He paid our Debt to the utmoſt, but at a dear Rate, no leſs Price cou'd ſatisfie Divine Juſtice for our Sins, than the price of the Precious Blood of the Son of God.

He was Wounded for our Sins; He was Bruis'd for our Tranſgreſſions, and having Purchas'd Eternal Redemption for us, He have now Right to Wound us, and Power alſo to Heal us.

Therefore my Friends,

Let there be a thorough ſearch in our Souls, and a concern upon our Spirits, to Search and Try our ways; Are we Wounded for our Sins, Thro' His Stripes we might be Healed?

Whatever the world may ſay of us, we have no other way to go to Heaven, but by Him who ſuffer'd for us; He drank a *Bitter Cup*, Even before He was Crucified, *He went three times to his Father, if it be poſſible ſaid He, Let this Cup paſs; but not my Will, but thine O God*, it 'twas a Bitter Cup, yet notwithſtanding, *He took up his Croſs and laid down his Life for his Enemies*, tho' the hard Hearted Jews made themſelves Strangers to the benefit of His Sufferings.

And as they was Strangers to His sufferings in the Flesh, so are many in this Day Strangers to His Sufferings in the Spirit; Crucifying to themselves a fresh the Lord of Glory, and putting of Him to open shame.

Taking no notice of the Invitation of the Spirit of Him who has suffer'd for us.

O Miserable Men and Women! That professes Christ to be their Saviour, yet will not be eased of their Sins; tho' there is no greater Blessing in this World, than to be eased of our Sins.

And God is now come as in the days of Old, to Turn ungodliness from *Jacob*, and therefore as *Jacob* Wrestled with the Angel, and wou'd not let him go until he obtain'd a Blessing; so let us Wrestle with him who Suffer'd for us, and by Faith let us hold him, that in his Name, and by his Spirit, we may come to Worship acceptable, That our Unity may be in the Spirit and our fellowship with the Father and the Son, Feeding at the Table of the Lord, and drinking of the Streams of that River that never can be drawn dry, For its the Hungry that Christ Feeds, and gives Water to the Thirsty Souls.

Therefore My Friends.

Examine your selves, Try your selves, let Christ Jesus live in you, that your Body, Souls and Spirits, might live by him.

That we might come to know our Conversation, (According to that of the Apostle) to be in Heaven, Then shall our Earthly Tabernacles be made fit Instruments in the hand of God, to serve him; then with Comfort we shall Travail thro' (the Spirit of) this World, Until we come to the Land of Everlasting Rest.

of which the outward Travail of the Children of Israel, *to the* Land of Canaan *was a figure, That when please God we go out of this World we may be at Peace with him, when time here shall be no more.*

POSTSCRIPT.

Whereas Mr. Bradly wou'd perswade the World, that the Quakers puts little Value upon the Sufferings of Christ; and whereas I have took the Liberty to hear them both, it appear to me by the Wo-

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mans Discourse, who is an Elder, and an approv'd Speaker amongst the Quakers (so call'd) that the Quakers owns the Sufferings of Christ, and the Benefit thereof in a Gospel Sense more plainer than Bradly or his followers do.

The Quakers is for the Universal Love of God to all Mankind, not only Christians, but Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks.

Bradly restrains it only to a certain Number of Professors; and that God in his Eternal Decree, had Damn'd part of Mankind, from all Eternity before time.

A Dangerous Doctrine! that has led many a poor Soul into Despair and Cast them headlong into the pit of distruction; as in that day when such Spirits

In their Anger, Slew a Man. And in their Self-Will, Digged down a Wall.

When in their Secret Councils they Taught Rebellion on Earth.
And in their Assembly, Blasphemy against Heaven.

May every good Man and Woman that Loves our Church and State, say,

O my Soul! come not thou into their Secret, unto their Assembly, mine honour be not thou united.

Is the Desire of the Publisher, who Publishes this not out of any Prejudice to Mr. Bradly, who knowing nothing of his Troubles before 'twas in the Press, he bringing Troubles on himself, by abusing his Dissenting Brethren, as well as Reflecting on the best Church in the World, *viz.* The Church of England, of which I am a Member, Let him blame himself.

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